

Application No: 10/711408
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 remain in this application.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 11-13, 15 and 21-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 11 and 21 are considered vague as the Examiner states that step (d) in each claim is not consistent with the preamble of each of these claims.

These claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.
Reconsideration of the objection of these claims is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is noted that the Examiner has indicated claims 1-10, 14-20, 26 and 27 are allowed.

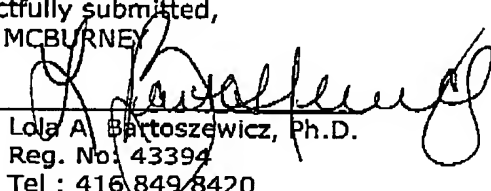
It is respectfully submitted that this amendment and response overcomes the Examiner's objections and rejections to the application. Reconsideration of the application is requested. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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